

F.M.M. COMPANY TO SHIP TIPPLE TO LOGAN FIELD

Effort Made to Boost Mining School Attendance

87 MINES WORK TODAY

Production Appears to Be on the Decrease Again

During the early part of next week, the Fairmont Mining Machinery company will ship a steel tipple to the Cleveland Cliffs Iron company which has its coal mines at Ellet in the Logan fields.

Some time ago a portion of the equipment was shipped. Erectors are on the job placing the tipple in position.

Mining School

Fairmont mining extension school will meet in the Fairmont high school annex on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when the subject of ventilation will be continued.

The smaller classes this week showed some gain. At Mt. Clare on Monday evening there were 14 men present and last night Carolan had 11 in attendance. The Carolan school's attendance fell down some this week, dropping to 23 because of several counter attractions on Tuesday night in that city.

Hopes are expressed that the Shinnston class will be very creditable in the way of attendance figures tonight. The attendance at the Fairmont class on Friday it is hoped will be large. The keen rivalry from the Mt. Hope section in the New River fields is making the schools in the Fairmont region pay up some for honors. Many men were sick last week which cut the attendance down locally a great deal.

Daily Coal Loading

Coal loading had a drop yesterday in Northern West Virginia, and it is expected will take another drop today. A total of 1033 cars of coal were loaded on Wednesday. Production by divisions was as follows: B. & O. Monongah, 424 cars; Charleston, 86 cars; Connells.

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WORK NAMED TO SUCCEED HAYS

Appointment of New Postmaster General Not Unexpected

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Dr. Hubert Work will succeed Will Hays as head of the post office department, it was learned definitely today at the White House.

Dr. Work, whose home is Pueblo, Colorado, will take over the post office portfolio Saturday when the resignation of Mr. Hays becomes effective. The nomination of Dr. Work is expected to be sent to the senate shortly.

Final announcement of the designation of Dr. Work came as no surprise, his name having been connected with the office since the prospective retirement of Mr. Hays was announced several weeks ago.

The elevation of the Coloradan to the postmaster generalship will leave the position of first assistant and second assistant postmaster generals to be filled. E. H. Shaughnessy, who was second assistant postmaster general, having lost his life in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster.

Mr. Work conferred with President Harding today over the question of the two assistants but it was indicated that no decision had been reached.

FOR RENT

Four-room, completely furnished house, with bath. To party without children. Phone 396-R.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting and Supper

Tonight at 6:30

Y. M. C. A. Bldg.

Annual Report—Election, etc.

Accommodations For All

No Increase Shown Here in Prohibition Law Violations

Violations of the prohibition laws in Marion county as far as Magistrate M. R. Musgrove's office and records are concerned are about the same this year as last. An examination of the records of his office shows that he handled 12 prohibition law violation cases during the month of January and February of 1921 and during the same months this year he also handled 12 cases.

In the cases handled by the magistrate, convictions were had or the prisoners were held for the action of the criminal court grand jury. Cases where the state was unable to convict were not placed on records.

Magistrate Musgrove's office is not a fair criterion of the number of whiskey cases handled in the county, however, as the work in his office is largely civil, while Magistrate E. A. Billingslea, who is critically ill at the present time, handled most of the criminal cases under which heading the prohibition cases are classified.

On account of the serious illness of Magistrate Billingslea his records were not available, but the amount of fines assessed in his court during last year will indicate the large volume of business he transacted along this line. He turned over to the county over \$9,000 in fines and had about \$11,000 in uncollected fines on his docket at the end of the year. This makes a total of approximately \$20,000 in fines assessed in his court during the year. County officers estimate that at least 75 per cent of this amount was collected or assessed in whiskey cases.

HORTICULTURIST HERE FOR WEEK

B. S. Davis to Inspect Trees and Take Farm Census

B. S. Davis, expert horticulturist of the state department of agriculture, is spending a week or ten days in Marion county looking after the interests of his department. In addition to the horticultural work Mr. Davis is taking a classified census of all the dairy herds, pure bred stock, grade stock and sheep in Marion, Harrison and Lewis counties.

Trees and shrubbery around Sonnen Croft, the home of C. E. Hutchinson, on East Side, were examined today by Mr. Davis, who reports that the San Jose scale is prevalent on the trees and shrubbery and the first time day he is going to spray to kill the scale.

Mr. Davis will also examine trees and shrubbery around the homes of A. B. Scott, John W. Mason, Richard Sherwood, H. H. Lanham and Thomas Graffis while in the city.

A public demonstration of pruning and spraying will be given at M. C. Hite's orchard near Riverdale as soon as the weather clears up enough to successfully demonstrate spraying.

After finishing his work in this county Mr. Davis will make a trip to Hampshire, Hardy and Grant counties where he will give demonstrations of the proper methods of pruning and spraying. Mr. Davis also contemplates visiting Frame Brothers orchard, at Hancock, Md., to give some demonstrations. This orchard while out of the state is owned and operated by West Virginians. C. E. Frame of this city is a brother of the owners of the orchard.

If weather conditions remain as they are and Mr. Davis is not able to give his spraying demonstration this week he will return here early next week and stay until such time that he can give his demonstrations.

Fireman Killed In Mercer Fire

MERCER, Pa., March 2.—Fire broke out in the business district of Mercer at ten o'clock this morning and at eleven thirty was still raging. The blaze started in the basement of the Houston dry goods store. Fireman Clude Gillette was removed to the Cottage state hospital after being overcome with smoke, and died at noon.

The origin of the blaze is unknown. Firemen were compelled to use gas masks. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

Pittsburgh Miners Attend Convention

PITTSBURGH, Kansas, March 2.—Representatives of the miners of the Pittsburgh field were on their way to Indianapolis today to attend a conference of the United Mine Workers of America called for Friday by John L. Lewis, international president. All district west of the Mississippi river will be represented at the conference it was said.

George L. Peck, president of the provisional organization, in charge of affairs in district 14, announced that plans to restore the autonomy of the district have been abandoned and action along that line indefinitely postponed pending the negotiation of new wage contracts with this and other districts. Mr. Peck said that permission to restore the autonomy must come from the international board.

MINERS QUIT WORK

SCRANTON, March 2.—Miners numbering 120, employed at the Old Forge Mine, of the Pennsylvania Coal company quit working today when the company refused to discharge four men alleged to have violated rules of the miner's union. The action of the miners tied up the colliery, one of the largest in the valley.

MYSTERY UNSOLVED

BEAVER, Pa., March 2.—Beaver and Allegheny counties today were trying to solve the mystery surrounding the attacks on blooded calves on the farm of J. M. Young which lies in the two counties. A few weeks ago four calves were found so seriously wounded that they had to be killed and this week six others met the same fate. In both instances the cattle had apparently been attacked with a pitchfork.

NOTICE

Special meeting of Baltimore & Ohio Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary, Saturday, March 4, 6:30 p. m. Business of importance. At Shaffer's Office. J. P. SHAFFERMAN, Pres.

PITTSBURGH COAL MEN NOT TO JOIN IN CONFERENCE

Ohio Operators May Also Refuse to Negotiate in New York

NO CHANGES HERE

U. S. Steel May Become Factor in Western Pennsylvania

Few new developments have been noted in the bituminous coal situation. There is some doubt in the minds of many whether the conference between the operators of the central competitive field and the officials of the United Mine Workers of America in New York called by Secretary of Labor Davis, will materialize. According to reports current it is in question whether the operators of Western Pennsylvania will join in the conference. In fact it is reported they will not. The attitude of the Ohio operators is not clear, but there are prospects that they will not join either in a conference.

On the other hand the operators of Indiana and Illinois show a willingness to meet and negotiate an interstate contract, or at least they are more inclined toward a conference than the operators of Western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

To what extent the government will take a hand in the situation is a matter of conjecture. Some persons are of the opinion that the matter will be fought out and it will not interfere in the least. Then too there is an opinion rapidly developing that the government on behalf of the masses will force some kind of a settlement and stay a general coal strike. The miners are making the claim that the existing agreement is violated in that the operators have failed to meet the officials in a joint conference to set a basic wage scale before the present agreement expires. There is an opinion, too, that believes that a coal strike can be averted. As it stands now the situation is complex and unsettled.

Outlying districts on the other hand are entirely at sea, being placed in such a position that they have no opportunity to negotiate a wage scale even if they should desire to.

The situation in the greater portion of the Fairmont region is unchanged, but as yet no doors have been closed toward negotiation with the miners should they decide to obtain one. The officials of the miners are sitting back and are making every effort not to "muddy the waters."

In the meantime in this field the miners are holding elections to decide by referendum whether or not they decide a general suspension. It is claimed that the miners are voting to strike almost to the man. The operators are placed in a position where their hands are tied and yet may have a general suspension thrust upon them. The miners say that they will insist upon the check-off in any future agreements as has been the custom in the past.

For some time it is rumored that the United States Steel corporation is a factor in the scrap in Western Pennsylvania. The Morgantown New Dominion today prints the following along this line:

"There is another rumor which is gaining ground throughout the central competitive field which hints of a merger of various coal concerns in the Western Pennsylvania field. This rumor, which is not official, but which comes from reliable sources, is to the effect that the United States Steel Corporation has gained control of the Pittsburgh Coal company as well as a number of smaller independent concerns in the district, giving the big steel combine control of the coal industry in the lower Monongahela valley.

"In addition, it is said that a similar control is being sought in the Allegheny valley and though it is not supposed to be by the same parties it is generally conceded that parties at least 'friendly' to the United States Steel company. 'Coal men point to the fact that the United States Steel company has shown its position repeatedly on closed shop and it is taken as a fact that if such a consolidation is on foot as is reported the death knell of the miners' union in the big Pittsburgh district is about to be sounded."

TRUCK SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

The city firemen were called out at noon today to extinguish a blaze caused by a short circuit in the engine of one of the Mountain State Oil and Gas Service company's trucks. The accident occurred on the corner of Jackson and Monroe streets about 12:30. Damages to the truck were slight.

SPECIAL TERM ADJOURNED

The special term of circuit court which has been on for several days handling chancery matters, was adjourned by Judge W. S. Meredith today.

TO BE BURIED TOMORROW

The funeral services of Oliver J. Rice will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby of Rice of Spring street, and the body will be taken to Riverside where it will be interred in the Oaklawn cemetery about 11:30 o'clock. The local lodge of Woodmen of the World, of which Mr. Rice was a member, will attend the services in a body.

Mr. Rice is survived by his wife and two children, Louise and Oliver Ashby and also his parents.

Woman Shot by Husband Dies



MIAMI, March 2.—Mrs. Edgar C. Frady of Chicago, sister of John R. Thompson, Chicago restaurant magnate, who was shot here Sunday by her husband who later attempted suicide, died today.

UTELLUMS

By J. A. L.

A fellow writer paused BEFORE OUR DESK And mournfully he PROFFERED A REQUEST "Say, when you lift your PENCIL TO INKITE Another one of those things WHICH YOU WRITE Will you inform that High SCHOOL BUNCH FOLKS That when the hours are WAXING SMALL AND WEAR And when the morning star IS SHINING PALELY I do not mean to hear AUKERIELE That when so palely shines THE MORNING STAR I do not mean to hear AGAGUITAR That when the morning STARS OPAL EYES SHINE There's absolutely nothing INEPTNESS For concerts and for solos IN OUR STREET By High School kids on BEATEN DEER Say, they're too fresh, that FRISKY HIGH SCHOOL CROWD At 2 A. M. they sing too TARNALLOU!" So—to the world—I BRANDISH HIS COMPLAINT The High School crowd, of course WILL UP AND PAINT.

WOMAN NOT FOUND

Sheriff J. D. Charlton has not as yet heard any word from Pennsylvania officers in regards to Mrs. Atholite Rotella, an Italian woman of Pittsburgh, wanted here on a charge of violating the state prohibition laws and who escaped from Deputy Sheriff Perry Burton while being returned to this city from Pittsburgh for trial. Pennsylvania officers have been searching for her but so far have been unable to locate her whereabouts.

FIRE DAMAGES AUTO

A valuable Stutz automobile driven by an Italian was damaged by fire on the Barrackville road last night. The cause of the fire or the identity of the owner could not be ascertained today. Automobile men say that as far as they know there are only three Stutz cars owned in this vicinity. One is owned by Dick Ferri, a local Italian and the other by Johnny Cobb of this city and Luke Anderson of Grant Town.

TAKE BODY TO BALTIMORE

Funeral services for Mrs. Leafa J. Hale were held last evening at the First M. E. church and the funeral party left early this morning for Deer Park, Md., where the body will be taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hinebaugh, and later to Baltimore, where interment will be made in the Hale family plot in a cemetery there. Undertakers Musgrave and son have charge of the funeral arrangements.

Girls, Golashes, Rain, Continued Cloudy, Cold

There is very little favorable to be said in behalf of the brand of weather handed out to Fairmonters today. Rain turning to snow and snow turning to rain alternated on the local weather stage, while humanity grumbled and fussed. A splendid day for pretty girls to wear ugly golashes, but good for nothing else.

The weatherman says continued cloudy today and tomorrow with a drop in the temperature.

COMPLETE FINAL STEP IN TREATY WITH COLOMBIA

Ratifications Exchanged Yesterday, Advices Announce

SIGNED IN APRIL, 1914

United States Will Pay \$25,000,000. to Colombia

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Ratification of the treaty between the United States and Colombia, whereby the American government pays Colombia \$25,000,000 as compensation for the loss of Panama were exchanged yesterday in Bogota, according to advices received today by the Colombian officials.

The exchange of ratifications brings to a close a chapter in American diplomatic history that was begun in the Colombian capital April 6, 1914, when the treaty was signed by plenipotentiaries of this government and the republic of Colombia. Following the signing, the treaty was submitted to the United States senate for ratification June 6, 1914, by President Wilson. There it was pigeon-holed with occasional efforts at dusting it off until June 14, 1920, when it was reported back to the senate, with certain amendments by the committee on foreign affairs. President Harding, on assuming office, recommended ratification and this was accomplished last April 20.

Under the terms of the treaty, the United States government engages to pay to Colombia the sum of \$25,000,000 gold in full accord of all claims against this government growing out of the formation of the republic of Panama and construction of the canal. The sum is to be paid in five installments, the first of \$5,000,000 to be paid within six months after the exchange of ratifications, and the remaining \$20,000,000 in four annual installments of \$5,000,000 each. All the payments are to be made in Washington.

As amended the treaty also provides that Colombia shall have the right to take troops, materials of war, and ships of war through the Panama canal without charge, except in case of war between Colombia and another power.

HEAR ADDRESS ON FIRE PREVENTION

Rotarians Enjoy Talks by Fleming, Topping and Watkins

A comprehensive and forceful address on fire prevention was made by T. Alfred Fleming of the National Fire Underwriters' association who spoke at the regular meeting of the Fairmont Rotary club at the Y. M. C. A. today. Mr. Fleming made a very great impression on all who heard him and plead for the co-operation of everybody toward the end that fires might be prevented and saved of life and money.

Mr. Fleming is making a tour of West Virginia under the auspices of the state fire marshal's department. State Fire Marshal Mont Topping was present at the Rotary luncheon today.

City Fire Chief O. J. Watkins made a plea for additional equipment, stating that the present equipment was not adequate to the needs of the city.

RENTS INCREASED

CHICAGO, March 2.—Notices of May 1 rent increases were in the hands of thousands of Chicago tenants today. Although numerous apartments are said to be vacant there was no apparent effect on rental values. City officials predicted rent reductions next October due to projected building construction.

Value of constructions involved last month's permits, amount to \$13,493,000 as against \$7,991,550 for January.

BURIED AT MONONGAH

John Clark, a former colored resident of Monongah, who recently lived in Monongahela, Pa. died in a sanitarium at Dixmont, Pa. The remains were brought here yesterday at noon and at 3 o'clock were taken to Monongah and buried beside his wife, who died just a few days ago. He was a member of the colored Masons, who had charge of the funeral. The remains were accompanied here by his sister in law, Nannie Gillespie.

Pugilist May Turn Preacher

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—James J. Jeffries, former champion pugilist of the world, may become an evangelist, if nothing happens to prevent it, according to a story the Los Angeles Examiner published today.

Jeffries, now a farmer at Burbank near here, has become interested in religious affairs through a visit from A. F. Sutterer, a friend of the former pugilist and his father. "My desire is to bring religion closed to the hearts of the men of today," Jeffries is quoted as saying.

REGISTERED MAIL TAKEN BY ROBBERS

Four Mail Pouches Are Secured Today in Illinois

KANKAKEE, Ills., March 2.—Four registered mail pouches, each filled to capacity and believed to contain only registered mail, were stolen from the Illinois Central baggage room early today just after they had been taken from south-bound train No. 5 from Chicago. Two pouches were consigned to Kankakee, one to Bloomington, Illinois, and the fourth was to be transferred to a Big Four train for the east.

Phillip Gatchett and Peter H. Smith, local baggage men, placed the pouches in the baggage room, locking the door after them as they returned to the train for other mail sacks, they said today. When they returned a few minutes later the pouches were gone.

P. E. Lee, another baggage man, said he saw two men sitting in an automobile across the street from the station just before the robbery became known. Local police believe that a third man had entered the baggage room earlier in the day, and hiding behind some baggage, escaped with the mail when the two baggage men left the room. Shortly after the robbery the car which Lee had seen was reported speeding east on the Dixie highway. Police in towns along the highway have been notified to watch for it.

Standard Oil Earnings High

CHICAGO, March 2.—The Standard Oil company of Indiana earned \$21,288,348 net during 1921, according to the annual statement, made public after a meeting of the board of directors today. The gross earnings were approximately \$2,000,000 greater, the difference being used for federal taxes and similar items.

The surplus earnings in the company's reserve funds now amount to \$92,227,261 about \$5,602,224 being added to the fund last year. The balance of the earnings were paid out in cash dividends of approximately \$15,689,123 to stockholders during the year.

FAILED TO PAY ALIMONY

Allen Vincent, who was ordered to pay alimony and court costs by Judge W. S. Meredith of the circuit court and who had failed to do either, was hauled before the judge today for contempt of court. Vincent promised the court that if granted his freedom he would make arrangements to pay the alimony and court costs at once. Judge Meredith gave him till March 13 to pay up or he would be apprehended and dealt with according to the law.

DIED IN CUMBERLAND

Word has been received here of the death of Raymond Smith, which occurred the early part of this week at his home in Cumberland, Md. Mr. Smith formerly lived here having held a position in the office of the Consolidation Coal company. The funeral took place today from his home at Cumberland.

GETS 30 DAYS IN JAIL

Nick Savich of Monongah, who was arrested recently when county officers raided his home and found a quantity of mash locked in a wardrobe of his home, appeared in Magistrate M. R. Musgrove's court today and entered a plea of guilty. Magistrate Musgrove sentenced him to serve 30 days in the county jail and pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

TO SURVEY FOR CANAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Assurance was given to a delegation from Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Ashtabula, Ohio, by Representative Campbell, Morin and Kelly, Pennsylvania, that congress at the present session would appropriate funds for further survey of the Ashtabula-Youngstown-Pittsburgh route for a ship canal between Lake Erie and the Ohio river.

THE OPTIMISTS' CLUB

No use to put on a grin and say times are good. They're not. Times were hard when I was a boy and then again when I was a young man, but ever as the clouds of depression fell upon us, there was a bunch of real sunshine artists, Go-Getters, who pulled us back into prosperity. Let's all join this gang now. Tell the world what you've got to sell; take your losses line a good gambler; get yourself so busy that you won't have time for your meals, and purty soon, before you realize it—Here's good times.

The Deacon.

SOLDIERS TO GET \$1.25 A DAY FOR FOREIGN SERVICE

Only Soldiers Not Above \$50 to Receive Cash Payment

PLAN CERTIFICATES

Service Men May Borrow 50 Per Cent of Bonuses

[By Associated Press] WASHINGTON, March 2.—Unanimous agreement to eliminate the feature of the soldier's bonus except in the case of men whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50 was reached today by the special sub-committee of republicans members of the house ways and means committee, to which the whole bonus question was referred yesterday.

In lieu of cash for the other service men, it was agreed to add a new provision to the bonus bill under which the men accepting adjusted service certificates could borrow immediately on those certificates from banks a sum equal to 50 per cent of the total adjusted service pay, computed at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for foreign service. This official statement of the government of the sub-committee was issued by Chairman Fordney.

"The sub-committee, consisting of Chairman Fordney, Messrs. Green, Longworth, Hawley, Treadway and Copley, have tentatively agreed upon and prepared a provision to be submitted which in substance is as follows:

"The elimination of the cash feature of the bonus bill would the veterans are entitled to more than \$50 adjusted service pay, but adding a new loan provision to the adjusted service certificates title which will enable holders of such certificates to borrow from any national bank or bank and trust company incorporated under the laws of any state 50 per cent of the sum of the adjusted service pay prior to September 29, 1925. This date was fixed because after that time the bill as originally drafted by the committee provides for a larger percentage of loan by the government and has not been changed by the sub-committee."

Chairman Fordney said this plan was expected to meet with general approval since it enabled the soldiers who may be in need to obtain cash immediately after the issue of the certificates. It would relieve the treasury of any large cash payment during the enormous refunding operations which must be carried out in the next two years and would place no additional tax burden upon the public.

Many details of the proposed amendment to the bonus bill remained to be worked out and Mr. Fordney said it probably would be a week before the plan was ready for submission to the entire republican membership of the committee. He declared that there would be provisions safeguarding the rights of the holders of the certificates and limiting the amount of (Continued on Page Four)

Congressional Leaders Oppose Reciprocity Act

WASHINGTON, March 2.—William S. Fielding, who came to Washington several days ago in the interest of a general tariff reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, has been advised by congressional leaders that congress does not look with favor at this time on such an agreement.

Mr. Fielding has been in conference on the subject with Chairman Fordney of the House ways and means committee, who today expressed unalterable opposition to a putting into force of the 1911 reciprocity act.